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Date: 10/16/2008

Investigator: Brad Morton

**Priority: Respond Within Five Days** 

No. 2008 - 72170 Opinion

**Complaint Description:** 19L misc line siting N/A Not Applicable

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**Complaint By:** Jeanne Horsmann

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**Account Name:** Work: Street:

Sonoita CBR: City:

ΑZ **Zip:** 85637 is: State:

Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. **Utility Company.** 

Electric Division:

**Contact Name:** 

Nature of Complaint:

From: Jeanne & Rob Horsmann @ Sent: Monday, August 18, 2008 10.24 PM

To: Gleason-WebEmail

Cc: Mayes-WebEmail; Mundell-Web; Hatch-WebEmail; Pierce-Web

Subject: 69kV power line to Sonoita

Commissioners:

I moved to Sonoita in 2003 because of it's lack of people and it's world class views. In those 5 years I have come to love this area and have learned of it's incredible uniqueness. I have learned that this area is one of the few remaining grasslands in the United States; that this is a migration pathway for exotic birds; that it's sky islands surrounded by sayannah provide a unique habitat for an abundance of animals; that this area is an interface of the Sonoran, Mojave and Chihuahua deserts and thus provides a blend of habitats not seen elsewhere; that our watershed is critical to the southwest; and thus this area is worth protecting from unplanned development.

Sulfur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative (SSVEC) is bringing a 69 kV line from Huachuca City into Sonoita and on down to Patagonia (the Sonoita Reliability Project). Through numerous meeting within the community and two with SSVEC, our community has shown almost unanimous concurrence that we are at odds with SSVEC's decision for the following major reasons.

- 1. The line runs through the residential neighborhoods of Sunset Knolls and Sonoita Hills. None of the residents nor their close neighbors want this.
- 2. The line runs along the edge of the Audubon Research Ranch and the damage from the construction of the



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the has already agatively impacted at least 40 least measurement projects. Bringing most of them to a premature halt.

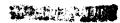
- 3. SSVEC has refused to meet with the community regarding alternative routes for the power line.
- 4. SSVEC has refused to meet with the community and discuss alternative methods of providing power, including more environmentally friendly alternatives such as local solar.
- 5. This line will not provide more reliability as SSVEC states. This is not a loop but just another line to provide more power.



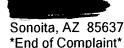
6. The addition of power to this area will allow more growth, five developers are already planning/building communities. And opening the potential to provide power to the Rosemont mine, Red Mountain mines, and continue down to Mexico, none of which this community is in favor of.

Please help us stop this project until SSVEC meets with the community in good faith and allows us to have an input into what our Cooperative does in our community.





Jeanne Horsmann



#### **Utilities' Response:**

n/a

\*End of Response\*

#### **Investigator's Comments and Disposition:**

Docket under rate case E-01575A-08-0328

Customer called, advised opinion received, will be docketed under rate case at suggestion of Jack Blair with utility .

\*End of Comments\*

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